

Treasurer's Books

Messrs. Selman, Shepard, Burney, Ford, Guinn, and Dickson.

General Land Office

Messrs. Burney, Quayle, Cook, Moore of Davis, Lair.

Military Affairs

Messrs. Casey, Boyd, Jordan, Ford, Houston, White, Dickson, Cooper, and Cook.

Education

Messrs. Dickson, Casey, White, Mitchell, [and] Andres.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, February 7, 1863

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported a Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin. Correctly engrossed.

Mr. Lair introduced a Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Confederate States Congress to use their influence for the repeal of the exemption law. Read 1st time.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to provide for the organization of State Troops. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Durant introduced a Bill requiring the Adjutant General of the State to procure and keep a correct roll of all persons who may have served in the Confederate States or State Army during the present war. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A message was received from the House announcing that Messrs. Holland of Grimes, Williams, Todd, Broaddus, and McCoy had been appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the Senate to examine into the acts of the Military Board. Messrs. Dickson, Grimes, and Casey were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Durant introduced a bill to limit the planting and cultivation of cotton in the State for the year 1863. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Maxey offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire: 1st, whether there is any existing law authorizing the several county courts to issue warrants on their Treasurer for the relief of the indigent families of the State; and 2nd, whether there is any existing law authorizing said courts to levy and collect taxes for their redemption, and if there be no such law, that said committee report by bill or otherwise the levy and collection of such tax." Adopted.

Mr. Moore of Davis offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the propriety of so amending that portion of the militia law which requires the senior justice of the peace to enroll the militia in his beat as to provide a compensation for the same." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into the Constitutionality of a law to regulate the prices of articles of prime necessity and report by Bill or otherwise at as early a day as practicable." Adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

A Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin. Read 3rd time and passed.

Joint Resolution tendering thanks to the officers and soldiers of Texas in the war with the U. S. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Joint resolution requesting the President to place General Price in command of the Trans-Mississippi District and to send the Texas troops west of the Mississippi River. Read 2nd time and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a Joint Resolution in relation to an express between the Mississippi river and the Rio Grande which on motion of Mr. Guinn was taken up. Read 1st time. On Mr. Shepard's motion the rule was

suspended, read 2nd time and passed to a third reading. Rule further suspended. Read 3rd time and passed. Also that the House had passed Senate's bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin, and had appointed Messrs. Randolph, Flint, and Foote a committee to visit the Penitentiary and requesting a like committee on the part of the Senate. On Mr. Lea's motion the Senate ordered the appointment of a like committee.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

Monday, February 9, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Ford, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor, a bill to authorize the Supreme Court of the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin.

Mr. Cook from the Committee on Military Affairs on behalf of the Committee made the following report: "Your committee to whom was referred a resolution requesting the President to place General Price in command of the Trans-Mississippi Department and to send the Texas troops west of the Mississippi river have had the same under consideration and direct me to report the same back to the Senate and ask to be discharged from its further consideration. Your committee are not in possession of sufficient facts to induce them to recommend changes of so great importance and they prefer to leave the whole matter to the President who is doubtless thoroughly informed of all the facts and is better capable of judging of men and measures on military affairs than we are."

Mr. Shepard presented the memorial of the County Court of Washington County in reference to the appropriation of Negro men to work on fortifications and introduced the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the constitutionality and expediency of the enclosed suggestions of the County Court of Washington County and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.